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23 APR 1958

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The Honorable Wayne L. Hays
Chairman
Subcommittee to Study Federal Printing and Paperwork
Committee on House Administration
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hays:

Thank you for your letter of 1 March 1958 requesting our views and recommendations concerning H. R. 11042, to revise the laws relating to depository libraries.

The major provisions of this bill would not affect the functions of the Central Intelligence Agency. We do support, however, the exceptions in the first section of the bill to the category of "government publications" which will be included in lists of publications furnished the Superintendent of Documents, particularly the exception of "publications classified for reasons of national security."

During the course of our review we have discussed the provisions of H. R. 11042 with members of the Subcommittee staff and with representatives of other Executive Departments. We were especially interested in the effect which this bill might have upon foreign translations performed by this Agency and others. We have been advised by a member of the Subcommittee staff that those who drafted the bill intended to exclude translations from its coverage, translations being in the category of "cooperative publications" excluded by Section 5. In reviewing that provision, we believe this intent could be expressed in specific language and should be clarified.

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Other than the above comments, we perceive no objection to the provisions of this bill.

The Bureau of the Budget has no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely,

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Lieutenant General, USAF
Acting Director

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